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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.135

Sir,

In reply to the notice of non-compliant amendment dated September 1, 2005, it is respectfully requested the following remarks and amendments¹ be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above mentioned application:

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the application. Claims 3-15, 21-22, and 24 were amended by preliminary amendment. A notice of non-compliant amendment was issued stating that claim 24 had not been provided with proper status identifier.

¹ The Claim Amendments as set forth in Appendix I of this paper.